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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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Application Number	09/590,904
Filing Date	June 9, 2000
First Named Inventor	Jerding, et al.
Group Art Unit	2614
Examiner Name	Shang, Annan Q.
Attorney Docket Number	A-6585 (191930-1180)

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCE's (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

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 - a. ☐ Previously Submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
 - i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s) reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on
 - ii. ☐ Other:
 - b. ☒ Enclosed
 - i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
 - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. ☐ Other:

2. Miscellaneous
 - a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required).
 - b. ☐ Other:

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 - a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 20-0778. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of the sheet.
 - i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
 - ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
 - iii. ☐ Other:
 - b. ☐ Check in the amount of $ enclosed.
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Name (Print Type)	Jeffrey R. Kuester	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	34,367
Signature		Date	4-24-06

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FEE TRANSMITTAL
For FY 2005

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT ($)790.00

Complete if Known	
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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES

	Filing Fees		Search Fees		Examination Fees		
Application Type	Fee ($)	Small Entity Fee($)	Fee ($)	Small Entity Fee($)	Fee ($)	Small Entity Fee($)	Fees Paid ($)
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	0
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	0
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	0
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	0
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	0

2. EXCESSIVE CLAIM FEES

Fee Description	Fee ($)	Small Entity Fee($)
Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee ($)	Fee Paid ($)
-20 or HP =		50	0

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if great than 20

Indep. Claims	Extra Claims	Fee ($)	Fee Paid ($)
-3 or HP =		200	0

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if great than 20

Multiple Dependent Claims	
Fee ($)	Fee Paid ($)
360	0

3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE

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Total Sheets	Extra Sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof	Fee ($)	Fee Paid ($)
-100 =		(round up to a whole number) x	50 x	0

4. OTHER FEE(S)

	Fee Paid ($)
Non-English Specification, $130 fee (no small entity discount)	
Other: RCE	$790.00

SUBMITTED BY Complete (if applicable)

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Signature			Date	4-24-06

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